

Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of January 8, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration of **claims 7-22** is respectfully requested.

Summary of The Office Action

The specification was objected to as having a title that is not descriptive.

Claim 12 was objected to for having a misspelled word.

Claims 7-14 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

Claims 7-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. US6,643,475 B2.

Non-Art Rejections

Claim 12, line 3, has been amended to change “greater that” to ---greater than---.

Regarding claims 7-14 and 22, the Office Action suggested changing each occurrence of the term “fuser bias voltage” to read --- bias voltage---. Claims 7, 9, and 11-13 have been amended accordingly and the indefiniteness rejection should now be overcome. All claims should now be in condition for allowance. .

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